

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Barbara Beerhalter	Chair
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In the Matter of the Commission Initiated
Investigation of the Reasonableness of Dial-
Data Services Offered By Northwestern Bell
Telephone Company

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ORDER APPROVING COMPLIANCE
FILING

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 24, 1988, the Commission issued its Order After Reconsideration Of March 10, 1988 Order in the above-entitled matter. That Order required Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB) to: 1) temporarily suspend Dial-Data (976) Service in 11 exchanges; 2) provide blocking on 2-party lines; 3) implement mandatory blocking; 4) have a written 976 refund policy; 5) modify its tariff regarding collection of charges forgiven by NWB; and 6) submit revised tariff pages. A customer notice explaining 976 blocking was required by the Commission's March 10, 1988 Order in the above-entitled matter.

NWB submitted a written refund policy, revised tariff pages, and a customer notice to the Commission and parties on June 3, 1988. The May 24, 1988 Order allowed a 10 day comment period on NWB's compliance filing. The Department Of Public Service (DPS) submitted comments indicating that NWB's filing was consistent with the Commission's Orders. No other comments were received.

The Commission considered this matter on July 5, 1988.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Commission staff reviewed NWB's compliance filing and recommended that the filing be approved with two modifications: 1) that the sentence "Access restriction is subject to availability of existing central office facilities." be removed from the tariff; and 2) that the customer notice be revised as indicated in Attachment C. NWB agreed with the modifications recommended by staff.

The Commission finds that NWB's June 3, 1988 compliance filing, as modified as recommended by the Commission's staff, accurately reflects the Commission's previous Orders in the above-entitled matters. Therefore, the Commission will approve NWB's filing.

ORDER

1. NWB's proposed refund policy is approved as indicated in Attachment A.
2. NWB's proposed tariff pages are approved as indicated in Attachment B.
3. NWB's proposed customer notice is approved as indicated in Attachment C. The notice may be modified to reflect NWB's new corporate name. NWB shall mail a copy of the notice to all customers in exchanges where Dial-Data Service is available within 45 days of the issuance of this Order.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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